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Application Number	09/445,710
Filing Date	March 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Leino et al.
Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	Marc S. Alvo
Attorney Docket Number	32107

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hannu Juhani Leino et al.
Serial No.: 09/445,710 Art Unit: 1731
Filing Date: March 13, 2000
Title: PROCESS FOR STABILIZING THE pH OF A
PULP SUSPENSION AND FOR PRODUCING
PAPER FROM THE STABILIZED PULP
Examiner: Marc S. Alvo
Docket No.: 32107

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal submitted herewith and is responsive to the issues raised in the Office action dated January 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated May 28, 2004 which refused entry of a prior Amendment Under Rule 1.116.

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Name of Attorney for Applicant(s)

6/8/2004

Date

Signature of Attorney

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of January 9, 2004 expired on April 9, 2004. The Amendment Under Rule 1.116 included a one-month request for extension of time to May 9, 2004. Payment of the surcharge fee in the amount of \$110.00 accompanied the Rule 1.116 Amendment. Applicants' respectfully request and petition that the response period be extended for an additional one-month until June 9, 2004. A check for the \$310.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

It is requested that the following amendments be entered prior to examination on the merits. A check in the amount of \$366.00 is submitted in payment of the excess claim fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.